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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
IB Docket No. 01-185; ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 21, 2002, representatives of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd. ("ICO"), Gerry Salemme, Suzanne Hutchings and the undersigned, met with John Branscome, acting legal adviser, and Curt Stamp, legal intern, in the office of Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, to discuss the status of the above-referenced dockets.

We reviewed the history of the ancillary terrestrial component ("ATC") proceeding and focused on gating factors that could be implemented to ensure that mobile satellite providers' use of terrestrial service remains ancillary to their satellite operations. We noted that the gating factors proposed in the ATC notice of proposed rulemaking were fully adequate to ensure ancillary use of terrestrial operations. We also discussed factors that the Commission might consider in determining when a satellite system can be deemed operational.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt

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cc: John Branscome
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